


STATE OF ARIZONA



PROCLAMATION

**Governor of the State of Arizona
Calling a First Special Session
of the Fifty-Third Legislature of the State of Arizona**

By the power vested in me by the Arizona Constitution, Article IV, Part 2, Section 3, and Article V, Section 4, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, call the Fifty-Third Legislature to meet in the first special session at the Capitol on the 22nd Day of January, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

The subject to be considered at the Special Session shall be statutory changes designed to combat the opioid epidemic public health crisis, including:

1. Enacting standards for the following activities:
 - a. limiting the prescribing, dosing, and dispensing of controlled substances;
 - b. disposing of controlled substances;
 - c. advertising, labeling, and packaging of controlled substances;
 - d. use of the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program as it relates to opioid and benzodiazepine drugs and expanding Program access to regulatory boards;
 - e. required educational programs for medical students and medical professionals relating to opioid abuse, addiction, and treatment;
 - f. the prior authorization for medical treatment; and
 - g. increasing access to treatment for substance use disorder.
2. Establishing mandatory e-prescribing of Schedule II controlled substances.
3. Enacting a Good Samaritan protection.
4. Ensuring that persons on medication assisted treatment have access to behavioral health residential facilities and recovery homes.
5. Collecting statewide data relating to the opioid epidemic.
6. Establishing enforcement procedures for violations, including overprescribing and illegal dispensing of Schedule II controlled substances and enhancing penalties for manufacturers that engage in fraudulent activity related to opioid drugs.
7. Appropriating funds for treatment.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 22nd day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

Secretary of State